# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes for December 9, 2009 \*Amended\*

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, in room 336 Farish Hall.

Members Present: Betty Barr, Amanda Baumle, Miranda Bennett, Joel Bloom, Simon Bott, Barbara Carlin on behalf of Dennis Bozeman, Agnes DeFranco, Martha Dunkelberger, William Dupré, Luces Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Debbie Hermann, Stephen Huang, William Munson, Charles Peters, Melissa Pierson, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, Ron Singer, John Snyder, María Soliño, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Jerry Waite, Larry Williams, Louis Williams, Mariam Zakaria, John Zemanek

Members Absent: Roger Blakeney, Elaine Charlson, Erica Fletcher, Martha Haun, Randy Hayden, Christina Hughes, Richard Kasschau, Iain Morrison, Laurence Rapp, George Trail, Nina Tucci, Djuana Young

Guests: Diana Velez (UScholars), Libby Barlow (Academic Affairs), Shara Zatopek (PHAR)

Staff: Jeanette Morales, Heidi Kennedy

#### I Call to Order; Minutes for 11/18/09

Council was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Williams at 3:05 p.m. Minutes from 11/18/09 were accepted as amended (General Education Assessment presentation).

#### II Announcements

A NOTE: All meetings are held in the Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), unless otherwise noted.

Spring 2010 Meetings: 1/27/10, 2/24/10, 3/24/10, 4/21/10, 6/2/10, 7/7/10

B Undergraduate Council Web Address: <a href="http://www.uh.edu/undergraduatecouncil/index.html">http://www.uh.edu/undergraduatecouncil/index.html</a>
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#### C E-mail listserves:

UNDERGRAD-COUNCIL@LISTSERV.UH.EDU UC-DEGREE-PROGRAMS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU UC-POLICIES-PROCEDURES@LISTSERV.UH.EDU UC-CORE-CURRICULUM@LISTSERV.UH.EDU UC-NEWS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU (Minutes only)

## III Administrative Reports

A None at this time.

## IV PeopleSoft update: Debbie Hermann, Registrar

Web address: http://www.uh.edu/peoplesoft/

A Debbie Hermann informed the Council members of the "end of term" processing dates. Grade submissions are due to RAR by December 22, 2009, 11:59pm. Also, Dean's List and Academic Standing will run on December 23, 2009.

B Council Chair Larry Williams inquired about the NR grade count. Registrar Debbie Hermann informed the Council that there are 254 NR grades thus for this semester.

Council member Joel Bloom mentioned that NR grades needs to be reported directly to instructors rather than rely on the colleges/departments to pass on the information. Debbie said that NR grade notifications can be sent to instructors. She also mentioned most NR grades are for affiliated/reciprocal studies/courses. Dr. Bloom suggested that a policy on NR grades be submitted to the UC for review and consideration. Larry Williams asked Joel Bloom to draft a proposal to send to the Academic Policies and Procedures (APP) committee for spring 2010. NR grade comments can be sent to Simon Bott, chair of APP Committee.

#### V Committee Reports

#### A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee (Simon Bott):

No report. The Academic Policies & Procedures Committee will meet the first Wednesday of the spring 2010 semester.

#### Pending:

UC 10475 09F: Proposal for changes to transfer undergraduate admission requirements for the Bauer College of Business (Replaces UC 10305 09F)

UC 10741 09F: Credit by Examination for Vietnamese

### B Core Curriculum Committee (María Soliño)

#### UC 10744 09F: Core Curriculum Committee Report - 12/2/09

UC 10300 09F: HRMA 2365: Tourism (Course Change)

UC 10341 09F: HIST 4329: Greek and Roman Historians (New Core Course - WID) [modification of prereqs] UC 10342 09F: HIST 4339: Modern European Intellectual History (New Core Course - WID) [modification of prereqs]

UC 10380 09F: HIST 3314: Liberals vs. Conservatives: 20th Century US Politics from FDR to Obama (New Core Course - WID) [changed title to "Liberals vs. Conservatives: US Politics from FDR to the Present] UC 10381 09F: WCL 3362: U.S. Latino Literature (Core Course Change - Humanities)

UC 10383 09F: WCL 3371: Cities in Film and the Arts (New Core Course - VPA) [change in language in the supporting documentation]

UC 10386 09F: WCL 4351: Frames of Modernity I (Core Course Change - WID) [change in language in the supporting documentation]

UC 10387 09F: WCL 4352: Frames of Modernity II (Core Course Change - WID) [change in language in the supporting documentation]

UC 10500 09F: MUSI 3302: Listening to Jazz (New Core Course - VPA) [approved as MUSI 2302 to more appropriately reflect the content of the course]

UC 10501 09F: SPAN 3375: United States Hispanic Culture and Civilization (Core Course Change - Humanities)

UC 10502 09F: SPAN 3384: Introduction to Hispanic Literature (Core Course Change - WID)

UC 10503 09F: TELS 3363: Technical Communications (Core Course Change - WID)

UC 10504 09F: ARCH 1359: Design Since 1945 (New Core Course - WID)

UC 10505 09F: CHEM 1331: Fundamentals of Chemistry (Core Course Change - Natural Sciences)

UC 10506 09F: CHEM 1332: Fundamentals of Chemistry (Core Course Change - Natural Sciences)

UC 10507 09F: IDNS 4392: History of 20th Century Science (New Core Course - WID)

UC 10508 09F: MATH 1313: Finite Mathematics with Applications (Core Course Change)

UC 10509 09F: PHYS 1110: Introductory Physics Seminar (Core Course Change - Natural Sciences)

UC 10510 09F: PHYS 1301: Introductory General Physics I (Core Course Change - Natural Sciences)

UC 10511 09F: PHYS 1302: Introductory General Physics II (Core Course Change - Natural Sciences)

UC 10512 09F: PHYS 1307: Physics of Energy and Climate in the 21st Century (New Core Course – Natural Sciences)

UC 10730 09F: CLAS 4381: Latin Classics in Translation (Changed from Core Humanities to WID)

UC 10735 09F: CLAS 4381: Latin Classics in Translation (Core Course Change Memo)

The core curriculum CBM003 forms and report (with minor modifications) were approved by Council.

Core Curriculum Chair, María Soliño informed the Council that the committee is in the process of making changes to core course requests for next spring.

The Core Curriculum Committee will meet spring 2010 (exact date to be announced).

#### C Degree Programs Committee (Richard Scamell):

#### UC 10745 09F: Degree Programs Committee Report (ARCH) - 12/2/09

UC 10492 09F: ARCH Degree Plan Changes – Approved by Council

#### UC 10746 09F: Degree Programs Committee Report (NSM) - 12/2/09

UC 10639 09F: Change in Math Requirements for Chemistry

UC 10640 09F: Pairing of MATH 3396 and MATH 4389 for NS&M Capstone Credit UC 10641 09F: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics - Option in Mathematical Finance

Approved by Council

#### UC 10747 09F: Degree Programs Committee Report (CHNS) - 12/2/09

UC 10731 09F: Course Change in the Chinese Major Requirement UC 10732 09F: Adding Elective Courses to the Chinese Minor Studies

Approved by Council

#### UC 10748 09F: Degree Programs Committee Report (ART) - 12/2/09

UC 10733 09F: Minor in Art History for B.A. in Majors – Approved by Council

## UC 10749 09F: Degree Programs Committee Report (PHAR) - 12/2/09

UC 10740 09F: B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program – Approved by Council

#### Pending:

UC 10285 09S: Justification of ARCH Degree Plans Hours

UC 10296 09F: Justification of HRM Degree Plans Hours

UC 10297 09F: Justification of 135 hour Biology - Medical Technology Degree Plan

UC 10298 09F: Justification of HNFDS Degree Plan Hours (ADA Track)

UC 10304 09F: Minor Changes to Current HRM Degree Plan

UC 10339 09F: Change to Dance Minor and Dance Major

UC 10340 09F: Stage Management Course Sequence

UC 10395 09F: THEA 2333 Requirement for Dance Majors

UC 10476 09F: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre - Production (New Program Request)

UC 10477 09F: Revised School of Theatre & Dance Catalogue Language

UC 10480 09F: Deactivation of Unused Major Codes in the College of Technology

UC 10483 09F: Requirements for earning a Minor in Construction Management

UC 10484 09F: Changes to Computer Engineering Technology Degree Plan

UC 10485 09F: Changes to Electrical Power Engineering Technology Degree Plan

UC 10486 09F: Changes to Mechanical Engineering Technology Degree Plan

UC 10487 09F: Changes to Surveying Engineering Technology Department

UC 10489 09F: Changes to CIS Degree Plan

UC 10491 09F: World Cities Minor (WOC)

The Degree Programs Committee may meet January 20, 2010.

#### D Degree Programs CB3 Committee (Luke Faulkenberry):

#### UC 10742 09F: Degree Programs CB3 Committee Report 11/11/09

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UC 10360 09F: DAN 3302: Advanced Intermediate Theory & Technique (New Course)
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UC 10515 09F: HRMA 2373: Introduction to SPA Management (New Course)

UC 10516 09F: HRMA 2382: Introduction to Country Club Management (Course Change)

UC 10517 09F: HRMA 3349: Hospitality Purchasing (Course Change)

UC 10518 09F: HRMA 4356: Hotel Gaming Operations: France (New Course)

UC 10519 09F: HRMA 4382: Advanced Country Club Operations (Course Change)

The Degree Programs CBM003 forms and report were approved by Council.

## UC 10743 09F: Degree Programs CB3 Committee Report 12/2/09

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UC 10411 09F: ART 1370: Fundamentals of Photography (Course Change)
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UC 10412 09F: ART 1371: Fundamentals of Digital Media (New Course)

UC 10413 09F: ART 3350: Intermediate Ceramics (Course Change)

UC 10414 09F: ART 3353: Glaze and Clay Formulations (Course Change)

UC 10415 09F: ART 3358: Clay Processes (Course Change)

UC 10416 09F: ART 3364: Plastics Fabrication (New Course)

UC 10417 09F: ART 3370: Intermediate Photography/Digital Media (Course Change)

UC 10418 09F: ART 3371: Advanced Photography/Digital Media (Course Change)

UC 10419 09F: ART 3372: Video Art (Course Change)

UC 10420 09F: ART 3373: Multiple Imagery (Course Change)

UC 10421 09F: ART 3374: Computer Imaging (Course Change)

UC 10422 09F: ART 3375: Junior Photography/Digital Media Major (Course Change)

UC 10423 09F; ART 3376; Junior Photography/Digital Media Minor (Course Change)

UC 10424 09F: ART 3377: Junior Photography/Digital Media Major (Course Change)

UC 10425 09F: ART 4373: Senior Photography/Digital Media Major II (Course Change)

UC 10426 09F: ART 4374: Senior Photography/Digital Media Major II (Course Change)

UC 10427 09F: ART 4375: Senior Photography/Digital Media Major II (Course Change)

UC 10428 09F: ART 4376: Advanced Computer Imaging (Course Change)

UC 10429 09F: ART 4380: Professional Practices (New Course)

UC 10430 09F: ART 1340: Fundamentals of Jewelry and Metalsmithing (Course Deletion)

UC 10431 09F: ART 3322: Design Technology (Course Deletion)

UC 10432 09F; ART 3323: The American Home Aesthetic (Course Deletion)

UC 10433 09F: ART 3324: Interior Design (Course Deletion)

UC 10434 09F: ART 3325: Junior Interior Design Major (Course Deletion)

UC 10435 09F: ART 3326: Junior Interior Design Major (Course Deletion)

UC 10436 09F: ART 3327: Junior Interior Design Major (Course Deletion)

UC 10437 09F: ART 3329: Patterns, Design and Symmetry (Course Deletion)

UC 10438 09F: ART 3340: Intermediate Jewelry and Metalsmithing (Course Deletion)

UC 10439 09F: ART 3341: Jewelry Casting Techniques (Course Deletion)

UC 10440 09F: ART 3342: Metalsmithing (Course Deletion)

UC 10441 09F: ART 3351: Ceramics Production Techniques (Course Deletion)

UC 10442 09F: ART 4320: Senior Interior Design Major I (Course Deletion)

UC 10443 09F: ART 4321: Senior Interior Design Major I (Course Deletion)

UC 10444 09F: ART 4322: Senior Interior Design Major I (Course Deletion)

UC 10445 09F: ART 4323: Senior Interior Design Major II (Course Deletion)

UC 10446 09F: ART 4324: Senior Interior Design Major II (Course Deletion)

UC 10447 09F: ART 4325: Senior Interior Design Major II (Course Deletion)

UC 10448 09F: ART 4326: Professional Practice for Interior Design (Course Deletion)

UC 10449 09F: ART 4327: Design Development, Drawing Specifications (Course Deletion)

UC 10450 09F: ART 4369: Photography Critique (Course Deletion)

UC 10451 09F: ARTH 3310: Ancient Egyptian Art (Course Deletion)

UC 10452 09F: ARTH 3381: Italian Renaissance (Course Deletion)

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UC 10453 09F: ARTH 4382: Pre-Columbian Art (Course Deletion)
UC 10454 09F: ARTH 4312: Harlem Renaissance (Course Deletion)
UC 10455 09F: ARTH 3315: History of Prints in the West (New Course)
UC 10456 09F: ARTH 4314: Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts (New Course)
UC 10520 09F: HIST 4364; Consumer Culture in Latin America (New Course)
UC 10521 09F: MUSA 1172: Applied Jazz Bass (New Course)
UC 10522 09F: MUSA 1176: Applied Jazz Percussion (New Course)
UC 10523 09F: MUSI 1301: Rudiments of Theory (New Course)
UC 10524 09F: SPAN 3342: Cross-Cultural Business Contexts: U.S. and Latin America (Course Change)
UC 10525 09F: SPAN 4371: Techniques in Teaching Spanish (Course Change)
UC 10575 09F: ITEC 3337: Secure Application Design (Course Change)
UC 10576 09F: ITEC 3347: Principles of Information Management (Course Change)
UC 10577 09F: ITEC 3351: Intrusion Detection and Incident Response (Course Change)
UC 10578 09F: ITEC 3355: Integrated Information Systems (Course Change)
UC 10579 09F: ITEC 4335: Secure Enterprise Design (New Course)
UC 10580 09F: ITEC 4338: Database Administration and Implementation (Course Change)
UC 10581 09F: ITEC 4339: Enterprise Applications Development (Course Change)
UC 10582 09F: ITEC 4355: Enterprise Assessment and Evaluation (Course Change)
UC 10583 09F: ITEC 4357: Digital Forensics (New Course)
UC 10584 09F: ITEC 4375: Project Management & Practice (Course Change)
UC 10585 09F: LOGT 3383: Industrial Direct Response (Delete Course)
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The Degree Programs CBM003 forms and report were approved by Council.

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UC 10567 09F: ELET 2303: Digital Systems (Course Change)
UC 10568 09F: ELET 3402: Communications Circuits (Course Change)
UC 10569 09F: ELET 3403: Sensor Applications (Course Change)
UC 10570 09F: ELET 3425: Embedded Systems (Course Change)
UC 10572 09F: ELET 4308: Senior Project (Course Change)
UC 10586 09F: MECT 3342: Elements of Plant Design (Course Change)
UC 10587 09F: MECT 3355: Strength of Materials (Course Change)
UC 10588 09F: MECT 3358: Dynamics Mechanisms (Course Change)
UC 10589 09F: MECT 4188: Ethics in Engineering Technology (New Course)
UC 10590 09F: MECT 4331: Applied Thermal Systems (New Course)
UC 10591 09F: MECT 4341: Materials Selection and Management (New Course)
UC 10592 09F: MECT 4343: Thermal Processing and Post-Processing of Materials (New Course)
UC 10593 09F: MECT 4360: Fundamentals of Biomechanics (New Course)
UC 10594 09F: MECT 4361: Cardiovascular Mechanics (New Course)
UC 10595 09F: SURY 2372: Geographic Information System (New Course)
UC 10596 09F: TECH 3300: Strategic Foresight (New Course)
UC 10597 09F: TECH 4310: Future of Energy and the Environment (New Course)
UC 10598 09F: ARCH 1200: Introduction to Architecture, Industrial Design, and Interior Architecture (New
Course)
UC 10599 09F: ARCH 2325: Conceptual Structural Systems (Course Change)
UC 10600 09F: ARCH 2326: Conceptual Environmental Systems (Course Change)
UC 10601 09F: ARCH 2350: Survey of Architectural History I (Course Change)
UC 10602 09F: ARCH 2351: Survey of Architectural History II (Course Change)
UC 10603 09F: ARCH 3369: Architecture of the Chapel (New Course)
UC 10604 09F: ARCH 4501: Architecture Design Studio VIII (Course Change)
UC 10605 09F: INDS 2356: Design History II (Course Change)
UC 10614 09F: HDFS 4322: Introduction to Psychological Careers (New Course)
UC 10615 09F: HDFS 4398: Special Problems in Human Development and Family Studies (New Course)
UC 10629 09F: KIN 3360: Professional Preparation for Sport Administration (Course Change)
UC 10630 09F: KIN 3370: Sport Facility Management (Course Change)
UC 10631 09F: KIN 4310: Measurement Techniques in Human Performance (Course Change)
UC 10632 09F: KIN 4340: Sport Governance (Course Change)
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UC 10633 09F: KIN 4345: Sports, Health and Fitness Program Financing (Course Change)

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UC 10634 09F; KIN 4350; Sport Marketing (Course Change)
 UC 10635 09F: KIN 4355: Organization and Administration of Athletics (Course Change)
 UC 10636 09F: KIN 4365: Regulatory and Ethical Aspects of Sport (Course Change)
 UC 10637 09F: KIN 4370: Exercise Testing (Course Change)
 UC 10638 09F: PEB 1113: Wii Performance (New Course)
 UC 10642 09F: BIOL 1310: General Biology (Course Change)
 UC 10643 09F: BIOL 1320: General Biology (Course Change)
 UC 10644 09F: BIOL 2397: Selected Topics in Biology (New Course)
 UC 10645 09F: BIOL 3304: The Biology of Social Behavior (New Course)
 UC 10646 09F: BIOL 3326: History and Philosophy of Biology (New Course)
 UC 10647 09F: BIOL 4103: Integration of Biological Knowledge (Course Change)
 UC 10648 09F: BIOL 4309: Mathematical Biology (New Course)
 UC 10649 09F: BIOL 4310: Biostatistics (New Course)
 UC 10650 09F: BIOL 4354: Endocrinology (Course Change)
 UC 10651 09F: BIOL 4373: Microbial Physiology (Course Change)
 UC 10652 09F: BIOL 4397: Selected Topics in Biology (Course Change)
UC 10653 09F: BCHS 4311: Biochemistry Lab II (Course Change)
UC 10654 09F: BCHS 4321: Genomics and Proteomics (Course Change)
UC 10655 09F: BCHS 4325: Molecular Microbiology (New Course)
UC 10656 09F: BCHS 4397: Selected Topics in Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences (Course Change)
UC 10657 09F: CHEM 4272: Physical Chemistry Laboratory II (Course Change)
UC 10658 09F: CHEM 4370: Physical Chemistry I (Course Change)
UC 10659 09F: CHEM 4372: Physical Chemistry II (Course Change)
UC 10660 09F: COSC 4332: Medical Robotics & Image Guided Interventions (New Course)
UC 10661 09F: COSC 4333: Healthcare Informatics (New Course)
UC 10662 09F: COSC 4348: Introduction to Game Art & Animation (New Course)
UC 10663 09F: COSC 4349: Intermediate Game Art & Animation (New Course)
UC 10664 09F: COSC 4359: Intermediate Interactive Game Development (New Course)
UC 10665 09F: COSC 4372: Fundamentals of Medical Training (New Course)
UC 10666 09F: GEOL 4331: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (Course Change)
UC 10667 09F: GEOL 4350: Geomorphology (New Course)
UC 10668 09F: GEOL 4355: Geophysical Field Camp (New Course)
UC 10669 09F: GEOL 3383: Remote Sensing (Course Change)
UC 10670 09F: IDNS 4391: Ethics in Science (New Course)
UC 10671 09F: MATH 3338: Probability (Course Change)
UC 10672 09F: MATH 3341: Applied Probability (Course Deletion)
UC 10673 09F: MATH 4309: Mathematical Biology (New Course)
UC 10674 09F: MATH 4310: Biostatistics (New Course)
UC 10675 09F: MATH 4364: Numerical Analysis (Course Change)
UC 10676 09F: MATH 4365: Numerical Analysis (Course Change)
UC 10677 09F: MATH 4370: Mathematics of Financial Derivatives (Course Deletion)
UC 10678 09F: MATH 4390: Applied Mathematics Seminar (Course Change)
UC 10679 09F: PHYS 1101: General Physics Laboratory I (Course Change)
UC 10680 09F: PHYS 1102: General Physics Laboratory II (Course Change)
UC 10681 09F: PHYS 1121: Physics Laboratory I (Course Change)
UC 10682 09F: PHYS 1122: Physics Laboratory II (Course Change)
UC 10683 09F: BIOL 4340: Research Methods (New Course for teachHouston)
UC 10684 09F: CHEM 4340: Research Methods (New Course for teachHouston)
UC 10685 09F: PHYS 4340: Research Methods (New Course for teachHouston)
UC 10698 09F: ENGI 1331: Computers and Problem Solving (New Course)
UC 10699 09F: ECE 5367: Introduction to Computer Architecture and Design (Course Change)
UC 10700 09F; CHEE 3321: Analytical Methods for Chemical Engineers (New Course)
UC 10701 09F: CHEE 4321: Chemical Engineering Design I (Course Change)
UC 10702 09F: CHEE 4322: Chemical Engineering Design II (Course Change)
UC 10703 09F: CHEE 5369: Chemical Process Economics II (Course Change)
UC 10704 09F: CHEE 5389: Transport Phenomena in Physiological Systems (Course Change)
UC 10705 09F: CHEE 5393: Cellular and Biological Transport Phenomena (Course Change)
UC 10706 09F: MECE 5312: Computational Fluid Dynamics I (Course Change)
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UC 10707 09F: PETR 5304: Evaluation of Petroleum Bearing Formulations I (Course Change)
UC 10708 09F: PETR 5328: Petro Fluid Properties & Phase Equilibria (Course Change)
UC 10709 09F: PETR 5361: Modern Petroleum Engineering (Course Change)
UC 10710 09F: PETR 5362: Reservoir Engineering I (Course Change)
UC 10711 09F: PETR 5364; Origin and Development of Oil and Gas Reservoirs (Course Change)
UC 10712 09F: PETR 5368: Well Drilling and Completion I (Course Change)
UC 10713 09F: PETR 5397: Special Topics (New Course)
UC 10714 09F: INDE 3330: Financial and Cost Management (Course Change)
UC 10715 09F: MECE 1331: Computing for Mechanical Engineers (Course Change)
UC 10716 09F: MECE 4340: Mechanical Engineering Capstone I (New Course)
UC 10717 09F: MECE 4341: Mechanical Engineering Capstone II (New Course)
UC 10718 09F: MECE 5363: Fluid Mechanics (Course Change)
UC 10719 09F: BIOE 1100: Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (Course Change)
UC 10720 09F: BIOE 2150: Biosensors I (Course Change)
UC 10721 09F: BIOE 2350: Continuum Biomechanics (Course Change)
UC 10722 09F: BIOE 3340: Quantitative Physiology (Course Change)
UC 10723 09F: BIOE 3350: Biosensors II (Course Change)
UC 10724 09F: BIOE 3440: Biothermodynamics and Biofluids (Course Change)
UC 10725 09F: BIOE 4324: Advanced Continuum Biomechanics (Course Change)
UC 10726 09F: BIOE 4389: Transport Phenomena in Physiological Systems (Course Change)
UC 10727 09F; BIOE 4393; Cellular and Biological Transport Phenomena (Course Change)
UC 10728 09F: BIOE 5312: Computational Fluid Dynamics I (Course Change)
UC 10729 09F: ILAS 4350: Liberal Studies Senior Seminar (New Course)
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The Degree Programs – CB3 Committee will meet early in spring 2010 (exact date to be announced).

#### VI Old Business

#### A Current Graduation with Honors Policy

Chair Larry Williams informed the Council that RAR requested language modification to the current Graduation with Honors Policy regarding clarification of letter grades (A, B, C, D, F vs. I, NR, S, U grades). He will work with Melanie Snook, Assistant Registrar on catalog language and a draft will be sent to the UC for input.

#### B Newly-approved Graduation with Honors Policy – 66 Hour Rule (UC 10472 09F, effective fall 1010)

Dr. Larry Williams informed the Council of the latest issue regarding the newly-approved Graduation with Honors policy.

UC 10472 09F was proposed because the current graduation with honors policy doesn't accommodate transfer students – especially with the THECB-mandated 120 hour rule. A few students have vigorously expressed their input on lowering the last 66 hours during the creation of the proposal. Instead of using the last 66 hours of coursework to graduate with honors, the hours were reduced to the last 60 hours of coursework. This policy was further amended by the Undergraduate Council's Academic Policies & Procedures committee to reduce the last 60 hours to the last 54 hours and also raise the GPA requirements to be consistent with UH's peer institutions.

Since the approval of the amended graduation with honors policy on 11/18/09, the same students who previously voiced their input petitioned Academic Affairs to make this policy effective fall 2009 so they can graduate with honors before the official effective date of fall 2010. Academic Affairs was in the process of reviewing the request to implement the policy in fall 2009 in which students who feel they have substantive reasons to graduate with honors under the new policy in fall 2009 (instead of under the current graduation with honors policy) should petition their college. Chair Larry Williams asked if the Council was in agreement to this early implementation. A lively discussion among the Council followed.

After much discussion, Council members unanimously rejected the early implementation date and made a motion for a resolution to keep the new graduation with honors policy effective fall 2010 as intended. Motion

was made by Simon Bott and seconded by Luke Faulkenberry. This resolution was unanimously approved by the Council based on the highly probable impact of administrative, legal, fairness, and precedence issues on the University of Houston.

Dr. Williams announced that he would inform Academic Affairs of the UC resolution.

## VII FYI Documents

UC 10736 09F: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo UC 10737 09F: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo UC 10738 09F: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo UC 10739 09F: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo

## VIII Adjournment at 4:26pm